Development of airports in Himachal Pradesh

734. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the air facilities in Himachal Pradesh are very poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal with Government for the development of the existing airports and setting up of new airports in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the time by which the work is expected to be completed; and

(f) the total expenditure involved in these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVILAVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) At Simla, the works of development/construction of basic strip and new fire station have been initiated. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up upgradation works like construction of new terminal building, fire station, MT workshop, car park etc. at Kullu airport. For extension of runway, IIT Roorkee who have been appointed to carry out feasibility study have just submitted its report. At Kangra airport, infrastructure have been developed and upgraded for operation of 50 seater type of aircraft.

(e) The developmental works are in different phases of completion.

(f) A total of Rs. 2547.71 lakhs has been earmarked for Kullu and Kangra airports and Rs. 98.29 lakhs has been earmarked for Shimla airport.

National Aeronautics Commission

†735. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a National Aeronautics

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